IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

v.	Plaintiff	9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	CASE NO.
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DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

Amendments to this Docket Control Order must comply with the Court's Standing Order Regarding Motions to Modify / Amend Docket Control Orders that is available on the Court's website.

DO NOT KEY DEADLINES OFF THE FULL CLAIM CONSTRUCTION ORDER OR THE PROVISIONAL CLAIM CONSTRUCTION ORDER.

Trial Date To be assigned by the Court	9:00 a.m. JURY TRIAL as reached at the United States District Court, 211 W. Ferguson, 2 nd Floor, Courtroom of Judge John D. Love, Tyler, Texas.
Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required	

ORDER REGARDING EXHIBITS, EXHIBIT LISTS AND WITNESS LISTS:

- A. On the first day of trial, each party is required to have on hand the following:
 - (1) One copy of their respective original exhibits. Each exhibit shall be properly labeled with the following information: Identified as either Plaintiff's or Defendant's Exhibit, the Exhibit Number and the Case Number.
 - (2) Three (3) hard copies of their exhibit list and witness list. The Court's preferred format for Exhibit Lists is available on the Court's website at www.txed.uscourts.gov under "Forms & Applications."
 - One copy of all exhibits on USB Flash Drive(s) or portable hard drive(s). This shall be tendered to the Courtroom Deputy at the beginning of trial.
- B. The parties shall follow the process below to admit exhibits.
 - (1) On the first day of trial, each party shall tender an "offered" list of exhibits it plans to admit into evidence that day which are NOT objected to, and read that list into the record. Parties shall entitle the list "[Plaintiff's/Defendant's] Exhibits Offered on [DATE]." If, during the course of the day's testimony, a party wishes to offer an objected exhibit into evidence, the party may move for admission at the time it wishes to use that exhibit with a witness. The Court will then hear the opposing party's objection and will rule on the objection at that time.
 - (2) On each subsequent day of trial, parties shall first read into the record any exhibits that were admitted over objection from the previous day. The parties shall next tender an "offered" list of any additional exhibits NOT objected to that it plans to admit that day, and read that list into the record. The list shall be entitled "[Plaintiff's/Defendant's] Exhibits Offered on [DATE]." Finally, the parties shall tender a separate running list of all previously admitted exhibits throughout the course of trial entitled "[Plaintiff's/Defendant's] Exhibits Previously Admitted through [DATE of the most recently completed trial day]."
 - (3) At the conclusion of evidence, each party shall read any exhibit that was admitted over objection that day into the record and then tender its final list of every admitted exhibit, entitled "[Plaintiff's/Defendant's] Final List of All Admitted Exhibits."
- C. At the conclusion of evidence, each party shall be responsible for pulling those exhibits <u>admitted</u> at trial, whether used or not, and tender those to the Courtroom Deputy, who will verify the exhibits and tender them to the jury for their deliberations. One representative from each side shall meet with the Courtroom Deputy to verify the exhibit list.
- D. At the conclusion of trial, all boxes of exhibits shall be returned to the respective parties and the parties are instructed to remove these exhibits from the courtroom.
- E. Within five business days of the conclusion of trial, each party shall submit to the Court (to Chambers) the following:
 - (1) A Final Exhibit List of Exhibits Admitted During Trial, and in addition provide the Court a disk containing this document in Word format.
 - (2) A disk or disks containing their respective admitted trial exhibits in PDF format, with the exception of sealed exhibits. If the Court ordered any exhibits sealed during trial, the Sealed Exhibits shall be copied on a separate disk. If tangible or over-sized exhibits were admitted, such exhibits shall be substituted with a photograph to be converted to a PDF file and shall be included in the Court's disk of admitted exhibits.
 - (3) A disk or disks containing the transcripts of Video Depositions played during trial, along with a copy of the actual video deposition.
- F. After verification of final exhibit lists, the Courtroom Deputy shall file and docket the lists, and the disk or disks containing the exhibits in PDF format shall be stored in the Clerk's Office.

To be assigned by the Court	9:00 a.m. JURY SELECTION at the United States District Court, 211 W. Ferguson, 2 nd Floor, Courtroom of Judge John D. Love, Tyler, Texas.
Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required	
To be assigned by the Court	9:00 a.m. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE at the United States District Court, 211 W. Ferguson, 2 nd Floor, Courtroom of Judge John D. Love, Tyler, Texas.
Court designated date – not flexible without good cause - Motion Required	All pending motions will be heard. Lead trial counsel must attend the pretrial conference.
2 days before pretrial	Parties to file estimates of the amount of time they request at jury selection and trial for (1) voir dire, (2) opening statements, (3) direct and cross examinations, and (4) closing arguments.
7 days before pretrial	Responses to Motions in Limine due.
10 days before pretrial	Motions in Limine due . The parties are directed to confer and advise the Court on or before 3:00 p.m. the day before the pre-trial conference which paragraphs are agreed to and those that need to be addressed at the pre-trial conference.
	Motions in limine should comply with local rule CV-7(n). Parties shall file motions in limine as a single document containing no more than 10 disputed issues absent leave of court.
15 days before pretrial	Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions with citation to authority and Form of the Verdict for jury trials due. Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with citation to authority for issues tried to the bench.
	See the Court's website for a sample Joint Pretrial Order.
	Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting of Court Proceedings due. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial or hearings, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court.

20 days before pretrial

Objections to Pretrial Disclosures due.

A party may serve and file a list disclosing (1) any objections to the use under Rule 32(a) of a deposition designated by another party under Rule 26(a)(3)(A)(ii); and (2) any objections, together with the grounds therefor, that may be made to the admissibility of materials identified under Rule 26(a)(3)(A)(iii). Prior to filing objections, the parties are expected to comply with the meet and confer requirements of Local Rule CV-7(h).

Objections not so disclosed, other than objections under Rules 402 and 403 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, shall be deemed waived unless excused by the Court for good cause shown.

25 days before pretrial

Rebuttal Designations due.

For rebuttal designations, cross examination line and page numbers to be included.

In video depositions, each party is responsible for preparation of the final edited video in accordance with their parties' designations and the Court's rulings on objections.

35 days before pretrial

Pretrial Disclosures due.

Each party shall provide to the other parties disclosures regarding the evidence that the disclosing party intends to present at trial pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3)(A), specifically to include the exchange of exhibit lists, witness lists, and deposition designations, if any. Sample exhibit lists and witness lists with the Court's preferred format can be found on the Court's website at www.txed.uscourts.gov. Parties should use the sample lists of the trial judge, which can be found on each respective judge's website.

Exhibits: Each side is limited to designating **250** exhibits for trial absent a showing of good cause.

Deposition Designations: Each party who proposes to offer deposition testimony pursuant to Rule 26(a)(3)(A)(ii) shall file a disclosure identifying the line and page numbers to be offered. Each side is limited to designating no more than 10 hours of deposition testimony for use at trial absent a showing of good cause. As trial approaches, if either side needs to designate more than 10 hours, the party may file a motion for leave and show good cause. All depositions to be read into evidence as part of the parties' case-in-chief shall be EDITED so as to exclude all unnecessary, repetitious, and irrelevant testimony; ONLY those portions which are relevant to the issues in controversy shall be read into evidence.

<u>Witness Lists</u>: In addition to identifying witnesses as "will call," "may call," or "probably will not call," each side shall identify the witness's employer and topic the witness will address, e.g., John Doe, Acme Corp., invalidity.

65 days before pretrial	Second mediation to be completed.
At least 15 days after dispositive motion date below	Response to Dispositive Motions (including <i>Daubert</i> motions) due. Responses to dispositive motions filed prior to the dispositive motion deadline, including <i>Daubert</i> motions, shall be due in accordance with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
To be assigned by the Court	Dispositive Motions due from all parties and any other motions that may require a hearing (including <i>Daubert</i> motions) due. Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
Court designated date – not flexible without good cause – Motion Required	For each motion filed, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, surreply), and any associated exhibits, in a three-ring binder appropriately tabbed. Courtesy copies shall be delivered to the Court as soon as briefing has completed.
3 days before Dispositive Motions	Parties to Identify Rebuttal Trial Witnesses.
14 days before Dispositive Motions	Parties to Identify Trial Witnesses
28 days before Dispositive Motions	Expert Discovery Deadline.
58 days before	Rebuttal expert witness reports due.
Dispositive Motions	If, without agreement, a party serves a supplemental expert report after the rebuttal expert report deadline has passed, the serving party must file notice with the Court stating service has occurred and the reason why a supplemental report is necessary under the circumstances.
60 days before Dispositive Motions	Deadline to File Letter Briefs for Summary Judgment Motions and Daubert Motions. See the Court's website for further information.
1 week after Fact	Deadline to file motions to compel.
Discovery Deadline	Prior to filing a motion to compel, the parties are required to comply with the meet and confer requirements of Local Rule CV-7(h).
68 days before Dispositive Motions	Expert witness reports due by the party with the burden of proof.
68 days before Dispositive Motions	Fact discovery deadline.
78 days before Dispositive Motions	Defendant shall serve Final Election of Asserted of Prior Art in compliance with Phased Limits Order.

88 days before Dispositive Motions	Early Damages Expert hearing at 9:00 a.m. at the United States District Court, 211 West Ferguson, 2nd Floor, Courtroom of Judge John D. Love, Tyler, Texas.
	The Court will hear each Damages Expert and Technical Expert give a short summary of their conclusions. Each party will then have the opportunity for brief cross-examination.
96 days before Dispositive Motions	Patent Claimant shall serve Final Election of Asserted Claims in compliance with Phased Limits Order.
98 days before Dispositive Motions	Comply with P.R. 3-7 - Furnishing documents and privilege logs pertaining to willful infringement.
	Exchange Early Damages Expert Report consisting of no more than 5 pages setting forth damages conclusions and bases for the conclusions. Exchange Early Technical Expert Report consisting of no more than 5 pages setting forth technical conclusions and opinions upon which a party's Damages Expert relies or that are of relevance to a party's damages model. The parties shall not file these early reports, but shall copy the court directly to chambers. Parties to designate <i>all</i> experts who will provide reports pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B). At this time, each party shall identify (if not already identified pursuant to this Docket Control Order) each expert by name, address, and telephone number, and provide the other parties with copies of each expert's resume in compliance with Federal Rule of Civil
	Procedure 26(a)(2)(B)(iv) and (v), and Local Rule CV-26(b). The parties shall also identify the general subject matter on which each expert will provide an opinion.
To be assigned by the Court	Markman hearing and hearing on any Motion for Summary Judgment of Indefiniteness at 9:00 a.m. at the United States District Court, 211 West Ferguson, 2nd Floor, Courtroom of Judge John D. Love, Tyler, Texas.
Court designated date – not flexible without good cause – Motion Required	In order to streamline the <i>Markman</i> hearing, the Court will propose a construction for a particular claim term and each party will then have the opportunity to respond to the Court's proposed construction. The Court will take the parties' arguments under advisement and issue a claim construction opinion at a later date.
	The Court will not permit live testimony regarding claim construction absent an order granting leave to call witnesses.

7 days before Markman Hearing	P.R. 4-5(d) Chart due . The parties are to meet and confer and jointly submit a claim construction chart on computer disk in Word format listing each party's proposed construction for each of the terms to be addressed at the <i>Markman</i> hearing, including any terms purported to be indefinite. The parties should <u>prioritize</u> and list the terms <u>in order of most importance</u> ; the Court will address the terms in the prioritized order presented in the claim construction chart.
	Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment of Indefiniteness due. The moving party is to provide the Court with 2 binders containing the entire set of briefing (opening motion, response, reply and surreply, if any) and exhibits appropriately tabbed. If a technical advisor has been appointed, the moving party is to provide briefing on disk or CD along with a hard copy, tabbed and bound in notebook format with exhibits to the advisor.
	Briefing shall comply with Local Rules CV-7 and 56 and Patent Rule 4-5(e). Pages shall be counted against the party's total page limit. <i>See</i> Local Rules CV-7(a)(3). Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
12 days before Markman Hearing	Parties to file a notice with the Court stating the estimated amount of time requested for the <i>Markman</i> Hearing. The Court will notify the parties if it is unable to accommodate this request.
	Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) - Reply brief and supporting evidence regarding claim construction due. Plaintiff is to provide the Court with 2 binders containing the <i>Markman</i> brief it in its entirety (opening brief, response, and reply) and exhibits appropriately tabbed. If a technical advisor has been appointed the moving party is to provide their <i>Markman</i> brief on disk or CD along with a hard copy, tabbed and bound in notebook format with exhibits to the advisor.
	Response to Motion for Summary Judgment of Indefiniteness due. Briefing shall comply with Local Rules CV-7 and 56 and Patent Rule 4-5(e). Pages shall be counted against the party's total page limit. See Local Rules CV-7(a)(3). Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
25 days before Markman Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) - Responsive claim construction brief and supporting evidence due.
	Motion for Summary Judgment of Indefiniteness due. Briefing shall comply with Local Rules CV-7 and 56 and Patent Rule 4-5(e). Pages shall be counted against the party's total page limit. See Local Rules CV-7(a)(3). Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
14 days following service of Preliminary Election of Asserted Claims	Defendant shall serve Preliminary Election of Asserted of Prior Art in compliance with Phased Limits Order.

40 days before Markman Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) - The party claiming patent infringement shall serve and file an opening brief and any evidence supporting its claim construction.
	Briefing shall comply with Local Rules CV-7 and 56 and Patent Rule 4-5(e). Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
42 days before Markman Hearing	Tutorials due. Deadline for parties, if they desire, to provide Court with tutorials concerning technology involved in patent(s). The parties shall submit two (2) copies of their tutorials to the Court. If a technical advisor has been appointed, each party that provides a tutorial shall provide a copy to the advisor.
49 days before Markman Hearing	Discovery Deadline - Claim Construction Issues. The patent claimant shall serve Preliminary Election of Asserted Claims in compliance with Phased Limits Order.
55 days before Markman Hearing	Deadline to File Letter Brief for Motion for Summary Judgment of Indefiniteness. See the Court's website for further information.
70 days before Markman Hearing	Proposed Technical Advisors due if one has not already been appointed. Parties to provide name, address, phone number, and curriculum vitae for up to three agreed technical advisors and information regarding the nominees' availability for <i>Markman</i> hearing or a statement that they could not reach an agreement as to any potential technical advisor. If the parties cannot agree on a technical advisor, they shall not submit any proposed technical advisors to the Court. If the parties feel a technical advisor is unnecessary, they shall alert the Court at this time.
*73 days before Markman Hearing	Response to Motion for Leave to Call Live Witnesses during the <i>Markman</i> Hearing due as necessary. Brief shall not exceed 5 pages.
	Reply to Combined Motion for Summary Judgment and claim construction brief due. Brief shall not exceed 5 pages. If an early <i>Markman</i> hearing is scheduled.

*80 days before Markman Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-3 - Filing of Joint Claim Construction and Prehearing Statement.
	In the P.R. 4-3 filing, the parties shall list the most significant terms according to the parties' priorities, which were agreed upon during the P.R. 4-2 meet and confer, indicating which of those terms will be case or claim dispositive. A maximum of 10 terms will be construed, unless parties have received other instruction from the Court. If the parties cannot agree to the most important 10 terms, the parties shall identify the terms that were agreed upon and then divide the remainder evenly between Plaintiff(s) and Defendant(s).
	The nonmoving party subject to an indefiniteness challenge must provide a preliminary identification of any expert testimony it intends to rely on in its response to the moving party's indefiniteness challenge. The nonmoving party shall also provide a brief description of that witness' proposed testimony.
	As to claim construction, the Court will not permit live testimony during the <i>Markman</i> hearing absent an order granting leave to call witnesses (in person or by deposition). The Court prefers evidentiary support for a parties' claim construction position via sworn declaration. However, in accordance with P.R. 4-3(d), a party may file a Motion for Leave to Call Live Witnesses during the <i>Markman</i> Hearing. The Motion shall be limited to 5 pages, providing a brief description of the proposed testimony supported by a clear showing of good cause.
	*Response to Combined Motion for Summary Judgment and claim construction brief due. Brief shall not exceed 15 pages. * If an early <i>Markman</i> hearing is scheduled.
*95 days before Markman Hearing	Joint Submission to Construe More Than 10 Terms Due. Motions shall be limited to 10 pages.
	*Combined Motion for Summary Judgment and claim construction brief due. Brief shall not exceed 15 pages.
	* If an early <i>Markman</i> hearing is scheduled.
*100 days before Markman Hearing	*Proposed Technical Advisors due. Parties shall provide the name, address, phone number, and curriculum vitae for up to three agreed technical advisors and information regarding the nominees' availability for the <i>Markman</i> hearing or a statement that they could not reach an agreement as to any potential technical advisor. If the parties cannot agree on a technical advisor, they shall not submit any proposed technical advisors to the Court. If the parties feel a technical advisor is unnecessary, they shall alert the Court at this time.
	* If an early <i>Markman</i> hearing is scheduled.

110 days before Markman Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-2 - Exchange of Preliminary Claim Constructions and Extrinsic Evidence.
	Privilege Logs to be exchanged by parties, identifying the documents or information and the basis for any disputed claim of privilege in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege or protection. A party may move the Court for an order compelling the production of any privileged documents or information identified on any other party's privilege log. If such a motion is made, the party asserting privilege shall file with the Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of the motion to compel any proof in the form of declarations or affidavits to support their assertions of privilege, along with the documents over which privilege is asserted for in camera inspection. If the parties have no disputes concerning privileged documents or information, then the parties shall file a notice so stating within 10 days of exchanging privilege logs.
	If a party intends to file a letter brief requesting permission to file a motion for summary judgment of invalidity based on indefiniteness, it must provide a preliminary identification of any expert testimony it intends to rely on in its motion. The moving party shall also provide a brief description of that witness' proposed testimony. If a party intends to file an indefiniteness challenge without the benefit of expert testimony, it must inform the nonmoving party.
116 days before Markman Hearing	First mediation to be completed.
120 days before Markman Hearing	In order to facilitate the P.R. 4-2 Exchange of Preliminary Claim Constructions and Extrinsic Evidence, as well as structure the <i>Markman</i> Hearing, the parties shall meet and confer to limit the terms in dispute, jointly identifying and prioritizing a maximum of 10 terms that are likely to be most significant in resolving the parties' dispute, including the terms where construction may be case or claim dispositive. If more than 10 terms are to be construed, the parties must collectively seek leave from the Court.
	If the doctrine of equivalents is asserted, the parties shall disclose any prior art that purportedly ensnares the asserted equivalent.
145 days before Markman Hearing	Deadline to File Letter Brief Requesting Early Markman Hearing/Summary Judgment. The Court will permit Defendant to submit, if desired, a request to construe no more than three "case dispositive" claim terms in a letter brief. The letter brief shall explain the Defendant's proposed constructions of the term(s) and why such a construction will dispose of the case. See the Court's website for further information.
	The early claim construction proceeding is intended to address dispositive issues with regard to noninfringement, not indefiniteness. The Docket Control Order outlines a different procedure for motions for summary judgment of indefiniteness. Such issues will be addressed at the <i>Markman</i> hearing during the regular course of litigation.

65 days after Scheduling Conference with the Court	Comply with P.R. 4-1 - Exchange Proposed Terms and Claim Elements for Construction.
55 days after Scheduling Conference with the Court	Comply with P.R. 3-3 and 3-4 - Invalidity Contentions due. Thereafter, except as provided in Patent Rule 3-6(a), it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to add and/or amend invalidity contentions, pursuant to Patent Rule 3-6(b).
	Defendant shall join additional parties. It is not necessary to file a motion to join additional parties prior to this date. Thereafter, it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to join additional parties.
	Defendant shall assert any counterclaims. After this deadline, leave of Court must be obtained to assert any counterclaims.
45 days after Scheduling Conference with the Court	Additional Disclosures. To the extent not already disclosed under this Order or as required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and without awaiting a discovery request, each party shall provide to every other party a copy of all documents, data compilations and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to all pleaded claims or defenses involved in this action. Parties shall refer to Local Rule CV-26(d) in compliance with these disclosures.
	Ongoing Duty to Supplement. After disclosure is made pursuant to this order, each party is under a duty to supplement or correct its disclosures immediately if the party obtains information on the basis of which it knows that the information disclosed was either incomplete or incorrect when made, or is no longer complete or true.
14 days after Docket Control Order is signed	Deadline to File Motion to Transfer Venue. In the alternative, parties shall move for an extension of time to file a motion to transfer.
7 days before Scheduling Conference	Initial Disclosures due. Each party shall serve initial disclosures pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1)(A).
10 days before Scheduling Conference	Comply with P.R. 3-1 and P.R. 3-2 - Disclosure of Asserted Claims and Infringement Contentions due. Thereafter, except as provided in Patent Rule 3-6(a), it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to add and/or amend infringement contentions, pursuant to Patent Rule 3-6(b).
	Plaintiff shall join additional parties. It is not necessary to file a motion to join additional parties prior to this date. Thereafter, it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to join additional parties.
	Plaintiff shall add new patents and/or claims for patents-in-suit. It is not necessary to file a motion to add additional patents or claims prior to this date. Thereafter, it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to add patents or claims.

No. of trial days	EXPECTED LENGTH OF TRIAL
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In the event that any of these dates fall on a weekend or Court holiday, the deadline is modified to be the next Court business day.

The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that "[i]n the event a party fails to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein the Court will assume that the party has no opposition." Local Rule CV-7(e) provides that a party opposing a motion has **17 days** in which to serve and file supporting documents and briefs after which the Court will consider the submitted motion for decision.

OTHER LIMITATIONS

- (a) The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:
 - (i) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
 - (ii) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
 - (iii) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.